militants' strikes, and increase in infiltration, Government have initiated a string of fortification measures in Kashmir;

(b) if so, the concrete measures being adopted to curb and control militancy and the detailed estimated cost of the fortification measures; and

(c) whether the measures also include the relief and rehabilitation of over 2.30 lakh displaced persons; if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) To curb and control militancy in Jammu and Kashmir, the Govt, has adopted a multi-pronged approach which includes, *inter-alia,* strengthening the border management with multiteared deployment of Security forces neutralising plans of the militants by; proactive action against them in the hinterland, gearing up intelligence machinery, greater functional integration through and institutional framework of Operations Groups and Intelligence Groups of the UHQ at all levels, improved technology, weapons and equipments for security forces. Steps have also been taken afresh to flush out militants and curb militant activities including closer vigil on the border, establishment of more naka parties in depth areas to check infiltration/exfiltration, more pickets, intensive patrolling and extensive cordon and search operations.

(c) The relief package sanctioned by the government of Jammu and Kashmir for victims of border shelling/firing in Jammu and Kashmir includes free ration at the rate of 9 kgs of food grain per month per person, kerosene oil at the rate of 10 litres per family per month, cash assistance at the rate of Rs. 200 per member per month etc. *Ex-gratia* relief is also paid under the standing orders to the next of kin of persons killed at the rate of Rs. 1 lakh and suitable amount to persons injured as per the relevant Government orders. For damaged immovable property, 50% of the assessed loss, subject to a ceiling of. Rs. 1 lakh in each case is paid. Free medical treatment including cost of drugs till such time the persons go back to their homes is also provided. Free medical treatment is also provided to the livestock of the families in the border belts.

Overstaying by Pakistani Nationals in U.P.

† 627. DR. GOPALRAO VITHALRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that Uttar Pradesh police

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

are in search of those 600 people who came to India by getting visa from Pakistan but are missing after the expiry of their visa;

(b) whether it is also apprehended that missing persons are ISI agents; and

(c) if so, the policy adopted by Government to repatriate the people after the expiry of their visa and to what extent it has proved effective?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) As on 31.7.99, 400 and not 600 Pak Nationals (who came to India with visa from Pakistan) had gone underground in Uttar Pradesh. The possibility of some of them having links with the ISI, cannot be ruled out. The powers under section 3(2) (c) of the Foreigners Act, 1946 to detect and deport foreign nationals, including Pakistani nationals, staying in India unauthorisedly after expiry of their visa, have been entrusted to the State Govts, and UT Administrations, including the State Govt, of U.P. Besides, administrative instructions are issued to them from time to time, to launch special drives to detect foreigners staying illegally, for their immediate deportation.

Indo-Pak agreement to stop unprovoked Firing

628. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news- item captioned ""Pak, India agree to end unprovoked firing" as reported in the Statesman dated 25th November, 1999;

(b) whether any agreement with Pak authorities was held in the recent past to have a complete halt to unprovoked firings along the international border in Jammu and Kashmir sector;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) how many times unprovoked firing took place after the said agreement and to what extent the agreement have been implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) During the bi-annual meeting between BSF and Pak Rangers held at Lahore in November, 1998, agreement to halt unprovoked firing along